

# Ministry of Crab opens in the Maldives



The colonial style Ministry of Crab Maldives offers family styles and outdoor dining.

Ministry of Crab opened its doors in the Maldives as part of The Marina @ CROSSROADS, the most comprehensive and ambitious integrated leisure and entertainment development undertaken in the country. The first international outpost to be directly owned and managed by the 'Asia's 50 Best Restaurants' listed flagship restaurant in Colombo, Ministry of Crab Maldives with its iconic Sri Lankan Lagoon Crab along with other popular signature dishes will add another dimension to the panoramic views of the turquoise blue ocean in the grand Marina @ CROSSROADS.

Set amongst the breathtakingly exotic Kaafu Atoll and Emboodhoo Lagoon, The Marina @ CROSSROADS alludes to a scenic beachfront town offering upscale and

casual dining, fashion retail and spa destinations. Housed in a colonial style building on the waterfront, MOC Maldives faces the beautiful marina, providing guests with spectacular views, breathtaking sunsets and the balmy coastal breeze.



Thiti Thongbenjamas, COO, CROSSROADS; Rashmi Uday Singh, Author and Novelist; and Chef Dharshan Munidasa.

The casual fine dining restaurant is designed specifically to resemble its flagship restaurant in Colombo as evidenced by the intricate detail that has gone into creating it, from having similar flooring, to the open kitchen and even the iconic heliconia flower centerpieces. The interior of the restaurant consists of 48 seats placed around a long table for family style dining, while there are 24 seats outside.

Ministry of Crab Maldives is built on a foundation that prioritizes the freshness of its ingredients, and the finest Sri Lankan Lagoon Crab will be air flown thrice a week to Maldives to uphold this standard. The restaurant also adheres to the same strict no-freezer policy as the one in Colombo, which is a testament to its commitment to freshness. The staff here are professionals, trained under renowned restaurateur and chef Dharshan Munidasa at Ministry of Crab Colombo and qualified individuals from the Maldives.

On establishing Ministry of Crab Maldives, Dharshan Munidasa stated, “Maldives is an amazing holiday destination and it has always been a dream to open a

restaurant here. This is the first project in the Maldives that interested me to create something new and fun.” He further commented that “Ministry of Crab will be the only restaurant importing ingredients thrice a week from the same country and we are here to showcase the freshest ingredients from both Sri Lanka and the Maldives.”



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